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SUBJECT:TEXTILES

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1. ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, THE EMBARGO ON GROUP II
----- WAS LIFTED AS A RESULT OF THE DEDUCTION
OF 10.5 MILLION SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT THAT HAD BEEN
PREVIOUSLY CHARGED TO THE LEVEL OF THAT RESTRAINT. A;
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EQUIVALENT AMOUNT IN DOZENS WAS CHARGED TO THE LEVEL
COVERING APPAREL MADE OF ----- HANDLOOM FABRIC
(THOSE GOODS VISAED AS THE ELE,HANT).

2. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE GOI IS AWARE THAT
ACCORDING TO THE LATEST US CUSTOMS DATA AVAILABL: WHICH
INCLUDES IMPORTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1FOUR CATEGORIES IN

GROUP II ARE FILLING RAPIDLY. THAT DATA SHOWS CATEGORY 335 (COTTON WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND INFANTS' COATS) 87.1 PERCENT FILLED WITH 14,768 DOZENS ,MPORTED AGAINST A MINIMUM CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 16,949 DOZEN; CATEGORY 359 (OTHER COTTON APPAREL) 72 PERCENT FILLED WITH 234,692 POUNDS IMPORTED AGAINST AN ADJUSTED CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 326,086 POUNDS (THE DESIGNATED CONSULTATION LEVEL FOR CATEGORY 359

HAD BEEN INCREASED EARLIER IN THE YEAR FROM A MINIMUM CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 152,174 POUNDS); CATEGORY 641 (MAN-MADE FIBER WOVEN BLOUSES) 80.2 PERCENT FILLED WITH 38,699 DOZENS IMPORTED AGAINST A MINIMUM CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 48,276 DOZENS; AND CATEGORY 666 (OTHER MAN-MAN FIBER FURNISHINGS) 84.7 PERCENT FILLED WITH 217,116 POUNDS IMPORTED AGAINST A DESIGNA ED CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 256,410 POUNDS.

3. YOU WILL RECALL THAT OF THE FOUR COMPOSITE CATEGORIES, COTTON WOVEN BLOUSES AND COTTON TROUSERS ARE PRESENTLY EMBARGOED. THE OTHER TWO COMPOSITE CATEGORIES COULD ALSO FACE EMBARGO BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR AS SEPTEMBER 1 CUSTOMS DATA SHOWS THEM FILLED AS FOLLOWS:

ORIGINAL LIMIT	IMPORTS	PERCENT	
CATEGORY	(DOZENS)	(DOZENS)	FILLED

336 (COTTON DRESSES)	168,190	108,143	64.3
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338/339/340	919,351	559,541	60.9
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(KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES
AND WOVEN SHIRTS)

4. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE SUBSTANCE OF PARAGRAPH 1 THROUGH 3 WITH R. L. NARAYAN OF THE INDIAN EMBASSY HERE IN WASHINGTON AND HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE SENDING THE DATA TO HIS GOVERNMENT IN NEW DELHI. PLEASE INFORM GOI OF SAME.

5. WE ARE WORKING WITH NARAYAN ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE PRESENT US-INDIAN BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE SWING, CARRYOVER AND CARRY FORWARD FOR THE COMPOSITE CATEGORIES AGREED TO PER REFTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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